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SUBJECT: SECURITY MODIFICATIONS AT USIS LIBRARY

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1. COST ESTIMATE FOR MYLAR AND ITS INSTALLATION AT USIS LIBRARY IN BRUSSELS WAS BASED ON BID FROM LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN FIRM, BUT WE HOPE TO CUT EXPENDITURE SIGNIFICANTLY BY DIRECT PURCHASE FROM US.

2. ELECTRICALLY OPERATED ALUMINUM GRILL GATE APPEARS TO BE ONLY REASONABLE METHOD OF SECURING MAIN ENTRANCE DURING ANY TERRORIST EMERGENCY AND IS MUCH PREFERABLE TO A MANUALLY OPERATED GATE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: (A) TIME DEALY IN SECURING GATE DURING AN EMERGENCY WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT DUE TO FACT THAT NO ONE ON LIBRARY STAFF IS LOCATED WITHIN TWENTY YARDS OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE; (B) LIBRARY LOCATION AND LARGE WINDOW EXPANSE PERMITS GOOD OBSERVATION OF SURROUNDING AREA AND REMOTE ACTIVATION OF A SWITCH TO RAPIDLY SECURE GATE DURING AN EMERGENCY WITHOUT NECESSARILY EXPOSING A USIS EMPLOYEE TO IMMEDIATE DANGER; (C) THE RECOMMENDED GATE GENERALLY CONFORMS TO GRILL GATES USED THROUGHOUT THE AREA BY BANKS, JEWELRY STORES, ETC, AND MAY BE USED TO INCREASE PROTECTION OF LIBRARY AND ITS EMPLOYEES FROM RIOTS

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OR DEMONSTRATIONS AS WELL AS VANDALISM OR BURGLARY

ATTEMPTS; (D) A MANUALLY OPERATED OR LESS STURDY GATE WOULD DECREASE COST ESTIMATE BY LESS THAN FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS BASED ON RECENT BIDS.

3. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDING WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE PROPOSED FIXED ALUMINUM GRILL GATE BUT ITS VALUE IS COMPLETELY DEPENDENT ON INSTALLATION OF THE PROPOSED GATE TO SECURE THE ADJACENT MAIN ENTRANCE.

4. RSO UNABLE TO ACQUIRE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO AUGMENT EXISTING GENDARMERIE ALARMS FROM RTC SINCE THE ORIGINAL ALARM (WHICH WAS INSTALLED LAST YEAR AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$1400) IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH RTC EQUIPMENT AND IS UTILIZED TO ALERT GENDARMERIE HEADQUARTERS SEVERAL MILES DISTANT BY USE OF A DEDICATED TELEPHONE LINE AND REMOTE ACTIVATION OF AN ALARM BOARD SUPPLIED TO THE POLICE BY THE LOCAL CONTRACTORS. NO REQUEST FOR DUNDING WAS SUBMITTED HOWEVER, BECAUSE RSO IS HOPEFUL THAT ORIGINAL COST ESTIMTE OF "AT LEAST SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS" FOR SEVERAL ADDITIONAL ALARM BUTTONS AND THEIR INSTALLATION WILL BE GREATLY REDUCED WHEN THE CONTRACTOR AGREES, AS EXPECTED, TO A "PACKAGE DEAL" INVOLVING THE INSTALLATION OF SIMILAR ALARMS AT THE EMBASSY, USEC AND THE RESIDENCES OF SEVERAL SENIOR US OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE REGARDING FUNDING FOR PROPOSED ELECTRICALLY OPERATED GRILL GATE. RENNER

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